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Title: DATA RELAY UNIT AND MULTIPLEX COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CAPABLE OF INHIBITING DATA RELAY IN RESPONSE TO FAILURE	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		5,224,096	June 29, 1993	Onishi et al.		

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

								TRANSLATION	
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		EP 0886404 A2 (Discussed on page 2 of the spec.)	23/12/98	EUROPE				X	
		JP-A-8-204879	8/9/96	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-2000-183940	6/30/00	JAPAN				X	

## OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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